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LETTER DATED 11 NOVEMBER 1994 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

I have the honour to transmit herewith the following letter from Mr. Alija Izetbegović, President of the Presidency of the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina, dated 10 November 1994, addressed to you.

May I ask for your kind assistance in circulating this letter as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Muhamed SACIRBEY
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Annex

Letter dated 11 November 1994 from the President of the Presidency of the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina addressed to the President of the Security Council

Over the last several months we have witnessed an unparalleled and accelerated deterioration on the part of the United Nations Protection Force (UNPROFOR) in implementing the mandates adopted by the Security Council. This deterioration has been highlighted by the recent failure to respond to the attacks upon the civilian populations in Sarajevo and Bihać, to violations of the no-fly zone and to shelling, air, helicopter and infantry attacks upon the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina emanating from the United Nations protected area (UNPA) zones in the Republic of Croatia. It is most ironic and disheartening that this trend, in fact, began soon after the Republic and Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina endorsed the Contact Group peace plan and the Serbian forces rejected it.

The progression of events since our acceptance of the Contact Group peace plan has been the closing of the "blue route", the shelling of Sarajevo suburbs and the sniping and the shelling of Sarajevo itself resulting in civilian deaths. At each stage of this progression, the UNPROFOR command failed to invoke the necessary response, thereby inviting further and more daring attacks and challenges to both the North Atlantic Treaty Organization and UNPROFOR.

The situation in the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina now is such that effectively all Security Council resolutions are being marginalized or totally ignored.

We now must urgently request that the Security Council undertake a review of the manner in which its mandates are being executed, or, more accurately, not being executed, and examine what may be done to bring the UNPROFOR mission closer in line with Security Council resolutions as well as the sovereignty and territorial integrity of the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina. For our part, we will re-evaluate our future relationship with UNPROFOR as well as the illogical progression of events that has seen an overall deterioration and weakened enforcement of Security Council mandates after our acceptance of the Contact Group peace plan.

(Signed) Alija IZETBEGOVIĆ